Safe Minimum Cooking Temperatures

Measure with a calibrated food thermometer

Food Type	Examples	Internal Temperature (°F)
Poultry	Chicken, turkey, leftovers and casseroles	165 for <1 second
Ground meat & Egg Dishes	Ground beef, pork, veal, and lamb Egg dishes (i.e. frittata and quiche)	160 for 17 seconds
Whole Cuts	Steaks, roasts, and chop	145 for 15 seconds
Fin Fish	Snapper, Mahi Mahi, Salmon	145 for 15 seconds; cook until flesh is opaque and separates easily with a fork
Shellfish	Shrimp, lobster, crab, and scallops	Cook until flesh is pearly or white and opaque
Shellfish	Clams, oysters, mussels	Cook until shells open during cooking
Eggs Eggs	Eggs	Cook until yolk and white are firm



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